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Red Salute Comrade Mao Zedong

Thus, there are two kinds of incomplete knowledge, one is ready-made knowledge found in books and the other is knowledge that is mostly perceptual and partial; both are one-sided. Only an integration of the two can yield knowledge that is sound and relatively complete.....Those with book learning must develop in the direction of practice; it is only in this way that they will stop being content with books and avoid committing dogmatist errors. Those experienced in work must take up the study of theory and must read seriously; only then will they be able to systematize and synthesize their experience and raise it to the level of theory, only then will they not mistake their partial experience for universal truth and not commit empiricist errors. Dogmatism and empiricism alike are subjectivism, each originating from an opposite pole.

— Mao Zedong

(Rectify the Party's Style of Work. SW Vol. III, p 42-43)

SUCI(C) expresses grave concern at desertion of place of work and studies in other states by panic-stricken North-eastern people and demands of the government to immediately arrange safe return of both riot-victims of Assam as well as panic-stricken North-eastern evacuees

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 19 August, 2012:

We are gravely concerned at the way the students and working people belonging to various North-eastern states, being panic-stricken about their safety and security, are scrambling for returning to their respective homelands from the different parts of the country particularly from Maharashtra and the Southern states where they are currently stationed for pursuing academic studies or earning livelihood. This grim situation has

been the fallout of the action and reaction stemming from the communal-ethnic violence that broke out in the Bodoland districts of Assam engineered by the arch chauvinist and rabid communal forces and is yet not fully contained because of utter failure of both the central and the state governments to firmly deal with the situation with due promptitude and quell it forthwith.

We strongly feel that immediate

restoration of normalcy at every affected area by way of booking of and firmly dealing with the arch communal-parochial forces perpetrating heinous crime of whipping up divisive passion and pitting one section of the people against the other and ensuring earliest safe return of the riot-victims who have lost their home and hearth and now huddled in makeshift camps in wretched condition to their places of domicile, is the urgent need of

the hour. At the same time, right now appropriate steps by both the central and respective state governments should be undertaken to create congenial environment for bringing back the frightened students and working people from North-eastern region to their respective present residences in different states and guarantee uninterrupted continuation of their jobs, gainful engagements and academic studies.

SUCI (C) demands stringent punishment of all guilty, irrespective of party affiliation or connection, responsible for Coalgate, 2G and other mega scams and calls upon people to expedite overthrow of ruling capitalism by revolution

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C), issued the following statement on 20th August, 2012 :

Close on the heels of unfolding of 2G mega scam involving Rs. 1.76 lakh crores of rupees, the recent revelation of still bigger a scam centering on distribution of coal blocks in which the government exchequer is reported to have been deprived of a possible gain of as high as Rs 1.89 lakh crores only goes to indicate how the present Congress-led UPA government is neck-deep in corruption. Both the BJP and the CPI (M) are also reportedly connected with this criminal defrauding of government

exchequer in a bid to shower windfall gains on mainly large private houses as also a few public sector behemoths. In fact, all the national and regional parties, serving the monopolists, when are in the governmental power are making fortunes through indulgence in rampant corruption. On the one hand, the ruthless capitalist exploitation is turning the working class and the common people into beggars, while on the other hand, the vote-based parties on being saddled in power are embezzling public money with

alacrity, creating huge fiscal deficit and squarely passing on the entire burden of capitalist crisis on the pauperized toiling multitudes through fiscal savagery, tax hike, galloping price rise and withdrawal of subsidy as well as all other social security and welfare measures and thereby making the latter's life nightmarish in every sense of the term.

It is clear that shattering the dream of the innumerable freedom fighters and martyrs, the obtaining capitalist system is dragging the country towards utter ruination in

every sphere—economic-political-social-cultural-moral. So the need of the hour is to build up with due expediency countrywide powerful working class struggles and democratic movements conducive to the ultimate objective of overthrowing ruling capitalism, the root of all evils. While calling upon the people to come forward and build up the desired struggles in right earnest, we demand stringent punishment to all those guilty of these economic frauds irrespective of party affiliation or any other connection.

Countrywide observation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed with great solemnity and gravity throughout the country. The Party, its leaders and comrades, its supporters and sympathizers as also multitudes of the members of public, paid their respect to their beloved leader, teacher and guide by placing floral tributes to his portrait, by the rendition of the song on this great leader and the communist *Internationale* as also by speeches and discussions delving deep into the problems prevailing before the common toiling people, the nature and urgency of the tasks ahead and the arduous struggle that must be taken up by the soldiers resolved to fulfill those tasks to arm themselves with the greatest ideology of the time, Marxism-Leninism- Shibdas Ghosh Thought and with noble lofty character befitting with proletarian ethics-morality and culture.

In the last issue of the *Proletarian Era*, we published a few reports of the observance of the Day from different states of the country; as more reports poured in, we include the remaining reports here in this issue.

Ghatshila, Jharkhand

36th Memorial Day meeting was organized at the Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Study Centre at Ghatshila on the 5th August last. The meeting was presided over by the Jharkhand State Committee Secretary, Comrade Rabin Samajapati. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran member of the Polit Bureau of the Party addressed the meeting as the main speaker. In course of his elaborate speech, Comrade Dhar while recalling the various teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh stressed on the needs of grasping the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, strengthening the Party he founded and acquiring true communist character.

Rohtak, Haryana

On 8 August, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial meeting was held at Chhoturam Park Hall at Rohtak, Haryana, with Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) presiding over. Polit Bureau member Comrade Ranjit Dhar graced the occasion as the main speaker. Comrade Ramphal, member, of Haryana State Committee was in conduction. The meeting was also addressed by Comrade Anup Singh, veteran State Committee member. Synopsis of the thought-provoking speeches of Comrade Dhar at Ghatshila and Rohtak has been given separately.

Jaipur, Rajasthan

Memorial Day meeting was organized on 12th August at Gokul Bhai Bhatt Smarak Bhawan, Jaipur. Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) was present as the main speaker and Comrade Girijeshwar Singh, Rajasthan state secretary of SUCI(C) presided over the meeting. Comrade R.S. Saini State organizing committee member gave an introductory speech. Then Comrade Girijeshwar Singh — in his speech discussed how the world imperialism, capitalism is facing its worst market crisis now a days. In our country also the government is

called upon the comrades and the supporters-sympathizers to learn from the historic life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, unleash an all-embracing struggle to change themselves, build up the Party in different parts of Rajasthan and take initiative to develop powerful mass movement on the burning problems of life conducive to anti-capitalist revolutionary movement.

Durg, Chattisgarh

Right on 5 August, Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed with great respect and emotion at Durg in Chattisgarh. The meeting held for the purpose was addressed by Comrade Gopal Kundu,

Ghosh is no more with us, neither is Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, his lifelong comrade-in-arms, who led the Party with all vigour after Comrade Ghosh's sad demise, nor are alive the other revolutionary compatriots with whom Comrade Ghosh had started his struggle to build up the Party. Hence the responsibility devolves upon us to protect the exploited toiling people from the attacks of capitalism and make anti-capitalist revolution successful. All the capitalist countries, including USA as well as ours, are now in deep crisis, and are now increasingly resorting to militarization of economy and avidly

taking all types of anti-people measures adding to the miseries of millions of common people of our



Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) addressing memorial meeting in Bangalore on 11 August

country who are already hard pressed by unprecedented problems like price rise, unemployment etc. The government is giving economic packages and increasing military budget to save the corporate houses from its crisis and at the same time opening the service sector like water, electricity, education etc. for the corporate houses to invest and earn profit. He said, while all other parties are helping the ruling capitalist class in all ways, only SUCI(C), the only genuine communist party of our country, founded by our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, is organizing revolutionary mass movement all over the country to resist it.

In his elaborate explanatory speech, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, *inter alia*, said that overcoming the tremendous shock of premature demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Party guided by his illuminating thoughts rose up with the pledge to fulfill the task of accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution — the task Comrade Shibdas Ghosh bequeathed to us — and for that strengthening the Party, expand Party organization throughout the length and breadth of the country and continuously elevate the ideological-cultural standard of the Party with a view to fighting out all bourgeois vices like the growing menace of individualism and leading the revolution. While dwelling on the various important aspects of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought,

Member, Central Committee of the Party as the main speaker. In his speech, Comrade Gopal Kundu highlighted the lifelong struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh waged for the sake of building up SUCI(C) as the genuine revolutionary party, as against different other parties going by the leftist jargons and banners. While dealing with Comrade Ghosh's contributions to the world communist movements and his guidelines to accomplish anti-capitalist socialist revolution in the country, Comrade Kundu added that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh set up a unique example by acquiring the highest and brightest communist character which is a beacon for us to follow and we must take pledge to remain unwavering and relentless in our struggles to elevate ourselves to such heights. Comrade Aatmaram Sahu, President of the meeting and Comrade Vishwajit Harode, Secretary, Durg Committee also spoke on the occasion.

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

To observe 36th Shibdas Ghosh Memorial day a state-level meeting was organized by the MP State Organizing Committee on 5 August at Rajdhani Shadi Hall in Bhopal. Comrade Uma Prasad, MP state secretary presided over. Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee of the Party submitted as the main speaker that 5th August is not a ritual to us, but places a strong challenge to us. Comrade Shibdas

pursuing all other anti-people policies of capitalist globalization to somehow avert the crisis the burden of which is squarely passed onto the oppressed people. Still the governments are plunged in huge debts. The ruling class and its lackeys are now plundering people's money in an unbridled way. On the other hand, people at large are pauperized with every passing hour, denied the basic necessities of life and doomed to sub-human life condition. The gap between few rich and multitudes of poor is yawning. Peasants are not getting remunerative prices for their produces, cost of fertilizer, pesticides and other agricultural inputs are sky-rocketing. Over and above, the vested interest in connivance with the government is forcibly evicting the rural poor from land, turning them into beggars. The number of peasants' suicide has run into lakhs. Job loss is mounting, so is unemployment. Many retrenched workers are also committing suicide, sometimes even with their family members. Prices have been spiralling. Healthcare, education, sanitation facilities and potable water are eluding the majority of the populace. Cultural degeneration is at its peak. Crime against women, atrocious acts of honour killing, female foeticide and dowry deaths are on a galloping rise. Casteist-communal conflagrations are erupting violently at the instigation

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Strengthen SUCI(C) — the party, founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, great leader of the proletariat — Comrade Ranjit Dhar

(The following is a synopsis of the speeches delivered by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), at Ghatshila and Rohtak on 5 and 8 August, 2012 on the occasion of 36th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide. Responsibility of error or inappropriate expression in translation, if any, lies with the Editorial Board of Proletarian Era)

This day every year is observed in the memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide and the Founder General Secretary of our Party SUCI(C). Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was not born a great leader. He rose to this height through conduction of a historic arduous socialist struggle covering all aspects of life till his last breath. That is why we observe his memorial day and not his birthday. On this occasion every year, we examine how far we have advanced in our life-struggle in the way he has shown, how far has been the development of the Party organization and how further we have to advance. This is the day to take anew the pledge to move onward on the path he illumined for accomplishing the task of bringing about anti-capitalist revolution.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh hailed from a poor family of a remote village near Dhaka now in Bangladesh. The entire country was then seething with the fervent of the struggle for freedom with Kshudiram Bose, Chandrasekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Subhas Bose and others of their like at the helm. The imperialist rulers were plundering the country. As a result the country despite having resources aplenty remained poor and the countrymen pressed under the grinding wheel of foreign rule. So, was the necessity to oust the foreign rulers with the dream that then there would be no obstacle before people's growth and development. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, then a school-student of 13 years, plunged into the freedom movement of the country and in course of time joined the Anushilan Samity, a revolutionary organization. He was arrested in 1941 in Kolkata and imprisoned for a few years. The country got to the verge of attaining independence in the meanwhile. The Congress was about to strike a compromise with the British rulers through talks. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh realized that the independence that was to come through compromise would not bring about any respite for the oppressed and exploited people of the country. Our society was class-

divided with a handful of aspirant capitalists or the national bourgeoisie on the one side and vast multitude of oppressed toiling masses, working people on the other. Both the classes had joined the freedom struggle but with different objectives. Common people wanted emancipation from all sorts of oppression while the national bourgeoisie wanted to capture the state power for grabbing the national market and fostering its own development by exploiting the masses. The Tatas or Birlas or their ilk did not take active part in the freedom movement, nor did they make any sacrifice. Guided by their vested class motive, they just



Comrade Ranjit Dhar addressing [Inset] and a part of the gathering at Rohtak

backed the Congress with money and support. It was the common masses, the middle class, the working class and the poor peasantry who took to the streets and made sacrifices. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh could correctly understand that oncoming independence was not going to bring the desired emancipation of these workers-peasants-middle class. The dreams of Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Subhas Bose would not come true.

Exactly that has happened. With Congress, the party of the capitalists, rising to power, the latter grabbed all the fruits of independence hoodwinking the common people. The dream of the revolutionaries to establish a society free from exploitation could not be realized. The working class could not attain desired emancipation without its own party, strong enough to ensure rising to leadership. So the vast masses of toiling people needed a party to look after their interests, a genuine communist party. It was all the more true as CPI, the communist

party by name, was not a true one. Realizing the need of anti-capitalist revolution marked by the absence of a genuine revolutionary party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of building up such a party on Leninist model following correct mode of struggle and founded this party SUCI (Communist) in 1948. Remember, at that time the undivided CPI – bearing the name communist, was enjoying the support of such leaders as Stalin of the Soviet Union and Mao-Zedong of China and was riding on surge of people's support the world over as also inside the country, in favour of Communism. At that time there were also other big parties like the RSP, Soumen Tagore's RCPI Party, Democratic Vanguard of M.N. Ray, who was a stalwart Marxist and had worked with Lenin, Bolshevik Party, and Forward Bloc founded by Subhas

revolution here? You are not strong enough, have no shelter to live in, no provision for food; even then how can you accomplish revolution?" Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to say "Yes, all such shortcomings we do have, but what else to do? Should we then follow and serve those whom we know to be wrong, false and erring? Should we allow capitalism to go on?" "If I cannot make each and every person realize that CPI is not the true communist party and gain their confidence in thinking that a true party has to be built up for revolution, then what was to be done? Should I be a slave of what is incorrect? May be, I shall die on the street while doing this, yet I would lay at least one brick." This was his way of winning over people. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has passed away, but he has left behind not just a brick but a Party after having founded it, developed it, reared and steered it, a party which is being increasingly acclaimed not just inside the country, but even over the world. Over and above, what Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has enriched us with are the higher nobler proletarian values, ideology and character and he has shown us the correct path. What else would he give? To be human, is to bear sense of humanity and character. He showed us the way to live a life of honour with the head held high. He illumined the way to emancipation to the entire Party and created a band of professional revolutionaries as characters that are needed to achieve this. So, for emancipation to achieve one has got to know Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and understand his teachings; revolution cannot be conceived without him. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought is the most enriched and developed understanding of Marxism-Leninism today. It is true not for India alone, but in respect to the world revolution as well. And in this regard, one must realize some vital truths.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's was a life of relentless struggle in quest for truth. He always said that in the present era, it is the proletariat who has the greatest need to get to know the truth, critically and minutely. To know the truth, one needs to wage a firm, determined and uncompromising struggle with the courage to apply what one conceives as truth by due process of

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Comrade Ranjit Dhar's speech**Life-long struggle made Comrade Shibdas Ghosh a great proletarian leader***Contd. from page 3*

reasoning, in all aspects of one's life. It was his firm and unwavering struggle of applying truth in life that made him a giant revolutionary leader and thinker.

Marx had remarked being born in a worker's family does not itself make one a communist, does not enable him to accomplish revolution. A worker is born in a capitalist society — he has to be engaged in a struggle to become a communist, he must first revolutionize himself. He has to acquire communist character not only to accomplish revolution, but also to protect it. Otherwise, even if you capture the state power through revolutionary struggle armed with Marxism- Leninism, you will not be able to protect it. Reformism, reaction would then set in to endanger socialism itself, signifying nothing but infiltration of bourgeois thoughts, habits, manner and behaviour and bourgeois process of thinking in the communist movement. This has been vindicated in the debacle of socialism in Soviet Union and China where reformist-revisionist thinking finally helped counter-revolution to triumph.

Lenin had also taught that the mere wish of becoming a communist does not make one a communist. An arduous struggle is needed to get at that goal. For it, not only private property has to be relinquished but the private property sense even in case of personal relationship must be shunned. Individualistic mental make up and all thoughts centring round the individual that abide in us have to be shunned and we have to work in the interest of the society, in common interest, collective interest. In the socialist society that we want to build up, the production will not be based on private ownership of means of production, but on their collective ownership. Collective interests will be looked after. Everyone will give own labour for the society and whatever produced would not be the wealth of any individual but it would be the social wealth to be distributed among all. So, you can only become a communist, if you can shun individualism and accept collectivism. To rid oneself of individualist thought, one lesson from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is that look for the qualities in others, not the shortcomings or lapses. Each man has both qualities and shortcomings; there is no one on this earth who does not have any quality but just vices. Yet in our

society there is a tendency to notice the shortcomings of a person and not the qualities. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to say that every one needs love, affection, care and emotion. Look at a person who does not have love. Look at him in an affectionate way, help him to get rid of his vices, do not go on harping on his limitations or go on discussing about that only. Try to notice his qualities and not the vices or defects and try to nurture the qualities. A second lesson from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is that do not think about yourself all the time — think of others. Whoever speaks of revolution in the country, was often asked by his or her near ones: you want to accomplish revolution, how would you feed yourself, where would you live? First ensure these basic needs and then go for revolution. Did Shibdas Ghosh first make all such provisions ready and then became a revolutionary? If you are working for the society, every home is yours. People see that revolutionaries do not die starving or go without food. The society itself keeps him alive. Poor people help him survive because he is fighting for the society and for them. This is why Shibdas Ghosh has taught us to look at others and not at the self. If you care for others, they will care for you. Try to understand the trouble and sorrows of people with affection, emotion, concern and sympathy. If you cannot do anything of the sort, at least listen to those in distress. It would give some relief to them.

When the feudal society under the king and feudal landlords in course of development became obsolete, reactionary and posed a hindrance to the development of individual as well as the society, it was then that capitalism blossomed; bourgeois rule and humanism ushered in. When was it? It was when the society was fraught with crisis. The society could not progress any longer under the old set of rules. The inertia of the society was broken only when new rules were introduced. Every philosophy, every theory appears in the society out of historic necessity. Capitalism appeared in society rising against the feudal system to fulfill such a historic necessity with the bourgeois call for liberty-equality-fraternity, freedom of individual, emancipation of women, for equal rights of men and women, for equality in the eyes of law and such other. These were revolutionary thoughts brought forth by rising capitalism. Having been installed in power, the

bourgeoisie freed the individual from the feudal economic and social bondage and ushered in the course of social development based on democratic values. But they could not realize their proclaimed objective, because capitalism too was based on exploitation. After society having developed to the highest possible stage under it, capitalism today has turned totally reactionary. It has nothing to offer but oppression, repression and deception. Today social progress is possible only on the basis of socialism-communism.

Socialism can be established only by accomplishing anti-capitalist proletarian revolution. And there cannot be proletarian revolution without the proletarian party; neither can there be emancipation of the proletariat. It is the SUCI(C) founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and guided by his thoughts which is the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat in the country. Party is like a weapon, an instrument of struggle. It is not a club comprising some people. It has to be built up on the basis of a philosophy and a methodology and there is a science working behind it. Take for examples, the likes of mobile phones, microphones, laptops. To make any or all of these, it requires labour as well as knowledge of the different separate methods for these different instruments. The material and process that make microphones can not produce laptops; nor can those for laptops produce fans. So there is definite methodology, definite ingredients for producing a material object. Same is the case with the party as well. A bourgeois class party is built on bourgeois class thought, pattern and motive can only defend capitalism, loot and exploit. It cannot eradicate the burning problems like price hike, unemployment, atrocities on women that are generated by capitalism. Just as it is not possible to produce clothes from a machine meant to extract the juice of sugarcane, so also a machinery that has been installed for exploitation, loot and profit-making, can not eradicate these maladies; the party that has been built by capitalists to grab state power and carry on exploitation, cannot serve people's cause. The capitalists have both state power as well as their class party in their hands. Communism in which there will be no exploitation or injustice cannot be brought with a bourgeois party or without smashing bourgeois state machine. This is why a different party —party

of the working class which will lead the anti-capitalist revolution— has to be built following a different process. It is not that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up SUCI(C) despite the presence of CPI, because the latter had made many mistakes in the past. Those who had founded the CPI had made many a sacrifice, suffered quite a lot, and had not aimed at deceiving the people. We respect them and recognize their struggle. But they did not follow the correct process of building a communist party and so CPI could not grow as a genuine communist party. Nor, could it be transformed into a real revolutionary party by simply changing some of its cogs and screws. This is why a new party had to be built. The process of building a genuine communist party involves establishing democratic centralism through fusion of ideological centralism with organizational centralism following correct methodology and conduction of appropriate struggle. Then only proletarian democracy can be established. Those who would step forward to build such a party cannot be persons who merely declare themselves as communists, deliver speeches on communism but lead normal family life like any other common man with spouses and children. In other words, they cannot be anything other than such "communists" who proclaim communism but nurture bourgeois thoughts about personal life, family life and such other things.

Leaders of parties like CPI, CPI (M), RSP — all communists by name, claim, at least outwardly, that they are not believers of god or religion. Yet at the demise of their parents, they are found to perform *shradh* and observe other religious rituals. To form a genuine communist party, what is imperative is to acquire higher proletarian culture and ethics-morality. Else revolution will not be possible. And this process of acquiring these requires a relentless fight against all bourgeois vices. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to say that capitalism and individualism signify the same thing. When Lenin or Mao accomplished revolution during their days or the struggle for building communist character the revolutionaries had then to wage, it was at a different stage, given the extent of growth of capitalism. Today capitalism having been entrenched in far deeper crisis compared to that time has turned even more reactionary. As a result

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Capitalism is plunging the society into the dungeon of cultural-moral degradation — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

(This is a synopsis of the two speeches delivered by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C), at Guwahati and Hyderabad on 5 and 8 August, 2012 at the memorial meetings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide. Responsibility of translation error or inappropriate expression, if any, lies with the Editorial Board of Proletarian Era)

5th August is a very emotional occasion for us as on this very day, 36 years back, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, breathed his last at an age of just 53. Yet even within this short span of his exemplary life struggle, he in the process of assimilating the essence of the creative science of Marxism-Leninism and concretizing the same on the Indian soil had provided answers to a host of emerging questions having bearing on successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist revolution in India and thus emancipate the Indian working class and other sections of the toiling people. This is why it is not possible to deal with all his teachings and contributions in a single speech. I shall dwell on the focal points only.

Observation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day is no ritual to us. Every year, we observe the day to recollect his invaluable teachings, enliven ourselves with his illumining thoughts and thereby take pledge to renew our own struggle on a newer heightened understanding of revolution. That invariably makes it incumbent on us to provide correct analysis of the obtaining socio-political situation of the country and the evolving problems, malaise and aberrations. So, I shall at first try to shed light on the current explosive situation in Assam based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

As you all are aware, a few days ago, a young girl was molested in broad day light by a group of people and such criminal act was videographed and circulated. This was not just an incident of outraging the modesty of a single girl. This was an assault on the entire women community, a violation of human dignity. The entire country was awestruck at this bestial act and so there have been protests all over the country. It is not that such is happening in Assam only. Crime against women has been taking place in escalated proportion throughout the country. Starting from a 5-year old girl child to a 70 year old lady, no one is spared. Just a few days back, such an attack on young girls took place in Mangalore city of Karnataka. You shall be shocked to know that as per official crime record, such crimes are increasing by leaps and bounds. Even in the capital city of Delhi, ladies are not safe, be it within the

university campus, colleges or even in hospitals. There is no security, no safety for women in our country. There is mounting instances of female foeticide, dowry deaths, honour killings and so forth. The situation is terrible. All these are taking place because the entire society has been plunged into the dungeon of all out degeneration—cultural-ethical-moral. Right now, a mindless ethnic-communal violence has gripped the Bodoland districts particularly Kokrajhar and its agglomerates. Hundreds of innocent lives including those of children and women are being snuffed out in the name of ethnic cleansing. The flame of violence is leaping to other areas as well. Why is it happening? We need to know the precise reasons for

the first Central Committee of the Party, read out a letter of the Central Committee addressed to the delegates of that convention. Based on the penetrating analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the content of the letter brought out a genesis of the problem of communalism-divisiveness persisting in the country even after independence. Comrade Ghosh had shown that the ingredient of communal divide was very much within our freedom movement itself. When Indian freedom movement began to grow in the late 1890s, internationally, capitalism had already become decadent and was gripped with the fear of anti-capitalist working class revolution. So, it was no more interested in launching uncompromising battle against feudal infirmities and obscurantisms but tended to compromise with feudalism. Hence, the bourgeoisie could not carry out full-fledged bourgeois democratic

the activities of the state, governance and matters relating to social relationships. It was the time when arose the slogan of equality, fraternity and liberty, of course in bourgeois sense. But, because of definite socio-historic reasons, the Indian freedom movement lacked this fervour of uncompromising secular bourgeois democratic revolution. And hence the Indian national bourgeoisie, who was stirred into the freedom struggle with the objective of capturing power by ousting the British imperialists, did not undertake the task of democratization of the society. So, as Comrade Ghosh had shown, India emerged as a nation but people remained disunited by caste, religion, ethnicity and language. The ruling bourgeoisie in order to prolong its oppressive rule is not only exploiting but even intensifying this divide to disrupt unity of the toiling multitudes against capitalist oppression, repression and deception. So, we find communal-ethnic conflagration erupting in various parts of the country entailing loss of precious human lives and properties.

Lenin had shown in the breaking years of 20th century that capitalism, in course of its development has reached its highest stage, the stage of imperialism and has become utterly reactionary. So, it could not take the civilization forward any more but would itself impede social progress. Russian revolution took place in 1917. Impact of this first successful anti-capitalist socialist revolution was tremendous all over the world. The working class movements began to gather momentum, anti-colonial freedom struggles were surging forth and democratic mass movements in Asian and African countries grew in strength because the bourgeoisie could not fulfil any aspiration of the people. So, as a class the bourgeoisie in each country was then suffering from the fear-complex of working class revolution. Hence, no movement under bourgeois leadership could grow with the tune and character of uncompromising secular humanism as was witnessed in Europe. The peculiar context of our country has to be understood in this backdrop. That is why the compromising bourgeois leadership under Gandhiji did not undertake any effective programme against communalism. As against secular humanist approach, the main trend of humanist movement was based on religion and struck a peculiar

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Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing in Guwahati

periodic occurrences of such bestial savagery, in either Gujarat or Assam or Odisha or Mumbai.

Answer has been provided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. If you go through his works, you would find that everywhere he had expressed serious concern at the crisis in the field of ethics and morality. It is possible to confront economic crisis, political crisis, or social crisis if we have a strong cultural base. But when crisis grips the sphere of culture, social degradation is maximum. That is why, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in one of his speeches said in reference to the glorious struggle of Vietnamese people that even if a nation starves, it can stand firmly and fight if its moral backbone is not shattered. Cause of this menace of ethnic-communal clashes is due to the serious crisis in the realm of ethics-culture-morality. In 1964, Hindu-Muslim communal riots erupted in many states of India. A democratic convention was then organized in Delhi against it. Due to ailing health, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh could not attend the same. Comrade Pritish Chanda, departed member of

revolution as was seen in the Europe during the rising days of capitalism. It was at this period that the concept of democracy, democratic rights, democratic system and democratic society originated as against age-old obsolete reactionary feudal injunctions and autocracy. The bourgeoisie then sought to free people from the clutches of feudal backward thoughts, espoused for individual freedom. Then rising capitalism created a new civilization fighting for individual freedom, individual thoughts and rights. They preached that Man is above everything. There exists nothing above Man. Man is born free and equal but enslaved. Man is to be freed from the fetters of feudal orthodoxy. Based on this thought, a new civilization was born and that was the bourgeois democratic revolution. During the advent of capitalism, secular bourgeois humanism as its mental superstructure called for keeping the society and polity independent of religion. Religion, it held, ought to be at personal level, if one is a believer, and should not interfere in

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's speech

Ruling bourgeoisie is fomenting ethnic-casteist divides to keep people disunited

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compromise with religious values. Where is secular concept in the slogan of "Hindu-Muslim bhai-bhai" or in the Ramdhun song of "Ishwar Allah Tere nam"? After Netaji Subhaschandra had left the country, freedom movement became totally dependent on Gandhiji's leadership. As a result, we Indians could not emerge as a united nation but remained divided as Hindus and Muslims or Assamese and Bengalis, as Biharis, Marathis, Kannads, Tamilians, Gujarathis or Punjabis and Bodos. With the passage of time, this divide is widening—rather made to widen by the vested interest. Not that just the bourgeois parties like the Congress or the BJP or other chauvinist-parochial forces are responsible for pandering to these divisive mentalities. Even the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI, CPI (ML) are also indulging in casteist-communal politics and have turned into vote-based parties. So, the Indian soil is not free from ethnic-communal narrow sectarian mindsets. At the same time, more crisis-ridden is capitalism, more it is plunged in limitless corruption. No political party, no minister, no bureaucrat, not even any judge who subserves bourgeois class interest can remain free from corruption. Unfolding of one after other mega scams, flagrant violation of rules and regulations with alacrity for self-aggrandizement by those occupying seats of power has become a regular feature. Menace of bourgeois individualism is eating into the very vitals of life.

All these vindicate the analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He taught us that a new civilization can grow only on the edifice of a new higher ethics-culture-morality. Sticking to old obsolete cultural thoughts, one cannot usher in a new civilization. The Hindu-Muslim conflict no doubt persists. But, in 1984, we saw an anti-Sikh riot in Delhi. Several thousands of innocent Sikh people were massacred by the fanatic Hindu communalists. There is a sinister attempt to convert this country into a Hindu-fanatic state. At the same time, the Hindus are divided into so many castes and sub-castes—the upper caste Hindus, lower caste Hindus, backward Hindus and so forth. Casteism is rampant among the Hindu community. Who is gaining out of this? Surely not the oppressed millions, the semi-clad semi-starved have-nots irrespective of caste, creed, ethnicity or religion but the ruling capitalism. Let us once more turn to the inflamed situation in Assam. Already, the

undivided Assam has been divided into so many smaller states. Has it brought any relief to anyone or the things have gone from bad to worse? Now, it is on the verge of further splits. The state is rife with ethnic-communal conflicts and clashes—Hindu-Muslim conflicts, Assamese-non-Assamese conflicts, Bodo-non-Bodo conflicts and such others. Virtually it has become an open field of bourgeois separatist thoughts to thump around. Already the whole country is divided into so many smaller provinces. Uttar Pradesh was a big province. Unlike Assam, it has been traditional habitat of one particular language-speaking community. Even that was split into two. The former chief minister of that state thought of further fragmentation into four. Now, there is a cry for carving out a separate Telangana state from Andhra Pradesh. Who has been and is going to be the beneficiaries? As I have mentioned earlier, only the ruling capitalist class and its servitors reap benefits of these communal-ethnic-separatist-chauvinist thoughts which disrupt people's solidarity.

BJP-RSS and their associates like VHP are dividing India on communal line. Whom are they serving by that? They are serving the ruling class. You need to understand this truth. The forces who try to drive a wedge among people are arch enemies of the mankind. Based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, you need to make people realize this truth. Millions of freedom fighters jumped into Indian freedom movement with the objective of freeing the country from foreign rule. Thousands of flowering youths like Kshudiram, Bhagat Singh and others came out to embrace martyr's death. The sky was rent with the slogan of *Inquilub*. A new culture—nationalist culture—sprouted and inspired all. But this culture would not beget the desired emancipation today. The slogan of "*Bande Mataram*" would no more hold good. Today, we have to give rise to a new movement based on newer concept of unity of the oppressed people. The aim should be to establish social or collective ownership on the means of production and produces. That is what anti-capitalist socialist revolution is aimed at. If one talks of acquiring culture conducive to anti-capitalist revolution, then one has to completely free oneself from the thought of private property, from private property mental-complex and accept social interest as one's individual interest, merge individual interest with social interest. As

Marx had said, the worker who intends to change the world would have to change himself first. This change means acquiring true communist culture. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had cultivated this culture both in his own life and inside the Party. The greatest contribution of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has been to give birth to this communist culture in India and make it living inside the Party and its leaders. In course of cultivating this higher communist culture covering all aspects of life, he built up SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party on the soil and emerged as a giant communist leader.

So, the task incumbent on us is to acquire this communist culture ourselves through appropriate all-embracing struggle and spread the same throughout the country. If we can do that, then only it would be possible to eradicate all kinds of divisive thoughts like casteism-communalism-ethnicism-chauvinism-parochialism-ultra-regionalism from the soil. Revolution will come about only when the people are duly organized, both ideologically and organizationally, under the leadership of correct communist party. Before that, taking up arms in hand is no revolution but a great harm to revolution. This is the teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. So long as the situation is not ripe for revolution through fulfilment of both subjective and objective conditions, we have to organize one after another legitimate united powerful democratic movement centring on the burning problems of people's life and based on higher proletarian thoughts and culture. This is what the Party based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought has taught us. Round the country, a new movement is crystallizing based on this understanding. Those who had been to Delhi to take part in the historic rally of 14th March last have themselves seen that people all corners of the country — from Tamilnadu-Kerala to Punjab, from Assam-Tripura to Gujarat — assembled there in response to the call of the SUCI (C) for developing countrywide mass movement. The indelible mark of higher cultural sense they left behind both in bearing with suffering and inconvenience as well as in demonstration of discipline would take the movement forward. It is in this process that higher revolutionary characters would grow and surface. In this connection, it may be mentioned that the anti-corruption movement of Anna Hazare which received so

much of public response not only fizzled out in no time but of late is slowly tilting towards vote-based power politics. Our Party based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought had correctly said that no movement today can reach its logical culmination unless it seeks to expose capitalism as root of all evils and organized right from the grass roots level under correct leadership. Individual honesty of any person would not deliver results if the theoretical conception and methodology of conduction of struggle are incorrect.

It is for this reason that the youth must come forward being imbued with the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which only can show the way. And then only a new civilization would be ushered in, a new higher culture would take firm root paving the way for a new society. This is what Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown in course of his penetrating analysis of the concrete situation of India based on Marxian science. The society is craving for emancipation. We need to free the Indian society enmeshed in crisis. Mere eking out a living has become a nightmare. Son is killing father for money. Unable to bear the pain of hunger, mother is selling her child for a pittance. Suicide has become a daily affair. One opts for suicide only when one finds bare subsistence to be impossible. Not only debt-ridden peasants, even young boys and girls are committing suicide out of despair and frustration. If this has to be stopped, then there is only one course left—the course of movement, of struggle, of revolution as has been shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. I am very happy to see lot of youths in this meeting. I hope you would struggle for acquiring higher culture in the way I have indicated based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. You would devote wholeheartedly towards involving young boys and girls of the state in the struggle for giving birth to a new culture. Please develop anti-capitalist movement unitedly with the toiling people of entire India. Capitalism is mired in insoluble crisis, gasping in its death throes. But it would not go of its own. It has to be knocked out, overthrown. But who other than conscious organized struggling people can do that? I fervently appeal to you to come forward and embrace the path of revolution. March ahead based on the illumining thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Then only you shall be able to accomplish revolution.

SUCI (C) at the all party meeting held in Guwahati on current ethnic-communal flare-up in Assam

An All-Party meeting was convened by Assam Chief Minister Shri Tarun Gogoi at the Academic Staff College, Khanapara, on 17 August, 2012 to discuss the situation arising out of ethnic and communal clashes in BTAD areas. Besides SUCI(C), the meeting was attended by representatives of Congress, AGP, BJP, AIUDF, NCP, TMC, BPF, CPI and CPI(M). At the beginning of the meeting the Chief Secretary, Mr. N. K. Das, read out a statement narrating the origin of violence from 6th July and continued till 19th July when armed Bodo miscreants fired at and injured Muslim youths at Magurmari and Joypur villages which resulted in retaliatory attacks on 20th July killing four armed Bodo youths. This started the flare up which ultimately engulfed the entire BTAD and subsequently spread beyond it. Almost five lakh people were displaced in the violence out of which about 1.99 lakhs have returned to their houses whereas 2.88 lakhs of people are still living in 233 relief camps. Till date total of 78 persons are officially reported killed.

Comrades Bimal Nandi and JoynalAbedin, both members of the State Committee of the Party, represented SUCI(C) at the said meeting. Elaborating the stand of the Party, Comrade Joynal Abedin said that the meeting was being held at a time when the entire state of Assam was in an explosive condition. Anything can happen anywhere at any time. He said that had the Government acted firmly during the initial days of violence, things would not have worsened to this pass. It is evident from facts that during the first few days of the riots, there was virtually no law and order enforcing machinery in the entire BTAD area. That is why killing, looting and arson could take place in such a large scale. He regretted that since 1979, narrow divisive, separatist, chauvinist and communal thoughts have been predominantly prevailing in Assam and nothing has been done all these years to counter-act these ideas at the ideological plank. And the burning situation in the BTAD and Assam to-day is the fall-out of this thought process. Now, the top-most

priority of this All-Party meeting should be to find out ways and means to establish peace and amity in Kokrajhar, Chirang and Dhubri districts and also to prevent the spread of violence outside the affected districts. A strong appeal should come out of this all-Party meeting for maintenance of peace and harmony in the affected districts as well as the rest of the state. He further suggested that an All-Party delegation should visit the riot-affected districts in a bid to bring back trust and confidence among the people. Comrade Abedin suggested that arrangements should be made to send back those victims who are still in relief camps to their original villages at an early date with adequate arrangement of fixed-picket-security in every village. In this context, he dismissed the suggestion made by some political parties for prior scrutiny of nationality of the riot-victims in the camps and demanded that verification of nationality is a legal process and it can be done only after rehabilitation of the victims as per the Registers maintained by the

Relief Camp Management Committees. Comrade Abedin also suggested that illegal arms possessed by ultra-elements in the BTAD should be seized immediately if the government wants to establish peace in the area. That the government is determined to maintain law and order at all costs must come out clear through its actions. He also suggested formation of peace committees at the local levels with activists of political parties, prominent persons, educationists, litterateurs and social activists in collaboration with local administration.

A resolution was adopted in the meeting calling for maintenance of peace and amity by the people of all communities. It was also decided to send All-Party delegation to the affected districts at an early date. In another resolution, students and workers from Assam and North-east who are living in States like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Kerala have been asked not to get panicky and not to leave those states out of rumors spread by SMSs and MMSs.

Court holds RSS-BJP men guilty of planfully perpetrating Gujarat pogrom

Just a year back, in a glaring volte face, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up to probe into the grisly Gujarat pogrom in which thousands of innocent people belonging to the minority community were brutally killed in front of indulgently looking police-administration, gave a clean chit to Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi known by one and all to be the chief architect of this ghastly crime. There has been every attempt on the part of the government and the state administration to suppress facts, shield the culprits, hush up evidences, force eye witnesses to this bestial savagery to either back out or change their statements under threat or lure of money. Those police officers and other persons who dared to depose before the court confirming connivance of Modi and his mentors RSS—BJP in orchestrating this planned violence, were taken into custody, harassed and mentally tortured in every possible way. But despite all this, certain glaring facts could not be kept under the carpet. In a significant judgment, special court of Ahmedabad convicted a former minister and current MLA of BJP

Mayaben Kodnani as well as Bajrang Dal (a constituent of the arch Hindu-communal Sangh Parivar) leader Babu Bajrangji and 32 others guilty of the biggest massacre in the post-Godhra killing spree at Naroda Patia and also murder, criminal conspiracy, rioting, arson, attempt to murder, unlawful assembly, insulting religious sentiments by targeting religious places and fanning communal hatred. One person has also been convicted for rape. So glaring are the evidences that even Modi government is compelled to make a desperate effort to distance itself from the verdict.

However, the revelation has wide ramifications. It clearly shows how the Hindutva zealots basking under the umbrella of RSS—BJP perpetrated an organized crime rare even in the annals of mankind, and unknown particularly in the post-independence history of India, just to ensure that they could ride to power and stay in power. With the same objective, they had been perpetually running hate campaign against the Muslim minorities, persecuting them in every possible way, often engineering murderous

violence against them. They destroyed a historical monument like Babri Masjid and thereby tried to communally polarize the country to corner Hindu votes. So insane are these fanatics that they did not hesitate to burn alive small children and women as was seen during Gujarat killing. The whole motive is to keep the atmosphere in the country communally surcharged, pit one section of the people against the other and thereby disunite the people to scuttle any possible surge of united people's movement against the ruthless capitalist exploitation, that is sucking out even the last drop of blood from the suffering millions irrespective of religious or other affiliations.

It may be added in this connection that since our freedom movement for definite socio-historic reasons did not grow with uncompromising secular outlook but developed with a compromise with religious outlook, desired democratization of the society remained unaccomplished. As a result, though India politically developed as a nation, culturally the Indians remained divided over caste, creed, religion, ethnicity and

language. While the ruling monopolists are exploiting these divides by pandering to all kinds of divisive mentalities to prolong its decadent moribund corrupt rule, the bourgeois parties are fomenting the various ethnic-communal mindsets to create vote-banks. This is why the avidly communal Hindutva brigade is receiving tacit backing from the power that be and there is a concerted move to exonerate the culprits of all such heinous activities including one-sided killing. While the BJP is aiming at majority Hindu vote bank, the Congress and others from pure electoral angle are pretending opposition to the BJP to woo minority votes. And the worst casualties are the common innocent suffering people. True that Ahmedabad Court has at least brought out certain facts to the fore and convicted the culprits. We are not sure if these culprits might get away at higher courts because of pulling strings from behind by influential groups as was seen in Best Bakery, Gulmarg Housing society and other cases. Only way to force the government-administration take some action is by way of building up countrywide mass protest against the weavers of such communal-casteist flare-ups and keep the public conscience alive and vigilant.

Comrade Ranjit Dhar's speech**Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's was a life of relentless struggle in quest for truth***Contd. from page 4*

with individualism having reached its extreme, the struggle to become a communist has turned even harder. Through his life-long struggle, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had acquired the highest standard of communist character by complete identification of individual interest with the interest of the working class, party and revolution. He breathed revolution, he dreamt revolution. There was nothing 'personal' in him other than the cause of revolution. That is the standard one has to strive to achieve because that denotes the highest standard of the time. Everyone should engage himself or herself in that struggle covering all aspects of life and view this glorious life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as the beacon. By

plunging into this struggle, one must change oneself to become a communist no matter how arduous the struggle might be. As Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had taught, there is nothing more glorious, more joyous, more worthy a life than that of a true revolutionary.

In order to scuttle the possibility of crystallization of a countrywide powerful prolonged democratic movement along the correct base political line, the ruling capitalist class is weaving all kinds of ploy to destroy the cultural-moral backbone of the people particularly the youth by promoting all sorts of rotten culture, immorality, bestiality, obscenity, sex-perversion, worst form of self-centredness, social-alienation and warped mindset. All the political parties

wedded to serving the ruling capitalists for pelf and power are submerged in utter corruption and pursuing all kinds of opportunistic, unethical and unprincipled politics of deception. Unearthing of various mega scams one after another and the unfolding political developments vouch for that. As against this degenerated bourgeois politics of vote-seeking and personal-gains, we, as torchbearers of genuine leftism, must rise up to the occasion by holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, organizing the people in class and mass struggles, strengthening the Party and hastening the accomplishment of revolution.

Time is very favourable. Revolution is knocking at the door. All that is awaited is a

revolutionary party with sufficient strength. Pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI are all exposed. On the question of revolution, there is no party, no force with a Marxist tag, that can stop SUCI(C) in its growth. If there is any genuine communist party in the country, that is the SUCI(C) and it is Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who grasped Marxism-Leninism correctly and concretized it in the Indian condition. The Party founded by him is the revolutionary party, strengthen it, acquire communist character and spread the message, the call of SUCI(C) to one and every village and from door-to-door. This pledge taken, would make this remembrance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader, worth while.

Talk on 'People's Uprisings in Different Countries, Anti-Imperialist Movement and its Lessons' in Patna and Trivandrum

Under the auspices of All India Anti Imperialist Forum (AIAIF), Patna Chapter a talk was organized on the topic of 'People's Uprisings in Different Countries, Anti-Imperialist Movement and its Lessons' at Gandhi Sangrahalaya at Patna, Bihar on 4th August. The talk was by Comrade Manik Mukherjee, General Secretary, International Anti-Imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC). In course of discussing the different aspects of anti-imperialist movements round the globe, he said that movements against imperialism were getting momentum round the world. People's uprisings in different countries including America signal that. On the Indian context he said that though we got political independence, people have not got the freedom they dreamt of. People must therefore build up anti-capitalist revolutionary struggle to be freed from the yoke of exploitation. Shri O.P. Jaisawal, Retd. Professor, Patna University presided over the talk. Among those present were Prof. D. M. Diwakar, Prof. Purnendu Mukherjee, Dr. Suresh Kumar, Shri Akhter Hussain, Dr. Razi Ahmed, Secretary, Prof. Ishwari Prasad, Prof. Safadar Imam Kadari, Dr. R.B. Singh, Dr. Om Prakash, Shri Akshay Kumar and Shri Ram Naresh Jha. Arun Kumar Singh, Secretary, All India Anti-Imperialist Forum, Bihar Chapter conducted

the programme.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee also addressed a similar meeting held at YMCA hall, Trivandrum, Kerala on 9 August. It was

presided over by Dr. M N Karim, President, AIAIF, Kerala unit. Among others who spoke were Dr. N Ramchandran, AIAIF Vice-presidents Comrades K P

Kosalaramdas and K Bhaskaran and Comrade C K Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Kerala State SUCI(C).

People's movement in Trivandrum against garbage dumping

The Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum) run by CPI(M) led LDF is dumping garbage from the city at Vilappilsala, a village some 15 km away from the city, for the last 12 years. The corporation purchased land in the panchayat under the pretext of starting a herbarium and instead started a garbage treatment unit there. In the name of waste treatment what they did was only dumping of waste which is polluting air and drinking water causing grave health problem for the people and cattle. The parliamentary parties were neglecting this burning issue of the people. Our Party took up the issue and as per our initiative, "Vilappilsala Janakiya Samiti" (Vilappilsala People's Committee), a non political platform of the local people led by Mr.S.Burhan was formed. The Samiti started a movement demanding closure of the garbage unit. On the suggestion of our comrades and inspired by the historic Nandigram movement, that the Janakiya Samiti decided to organize grass root level units of

the Samiti throughout the panchayat. Under the pressure of people's movement, the Chief Minister was compelled to give assurance to the leaders of the Samiti that within 3 months' time the garbage unit would be closed. But it was decided to continue the movement till the demands were met. In the meantime the CPI(M) led corporation went to the court and got an order that the government must give police protection to the corporation's trucks carrying garbage to the village. It also filed a petition to send CRPF to suppress the movement. Solidarity Committee organized protest in Trivandrum against this move. Sensing people's sentiment the leaders of Congress, BJP and CPI in the panchayat joined the movement whereas their district leadership stood with the corporation. All the parliamentary parties in the panchayat including Congress, CPI(M), BJP and CPI formed an all party alliance and conspired to oust our Party from the movement by all means as they realized that so long SUCI(C) is in

the leading position of the movement they will not be able to mislead it. Under the leadership of Janakiya Samiti, people defied the prohibitory order clamped by the authorities and around 20 thousand people with women and children at the front offered a heroic resistance to police attempting to break the movement. Mr. Burhan, led the resistance with his two month old child in the lap. In face of this organized determined resistance, the police had to beat retreat and the trucks loaded with garbage had to return. People who were witnessing this movement in TV channels were astounded to see the heroism of ordinary housewives and the other people who fought the mighty power of the state with determination to fight unto the last. Comrade C K Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee of SUCI(C) greeted the valiant people of Vilappilsala who once again proved to the world that people's power is invincible if they get organized on the basis of a higher culture and consciousness.

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of the interested quarters loyal to the ruling class. Capitalism is breeding all these menaces and aberrations. Emancipation lies in revolutionary overthrow of capitalism for which it is imperative to follow Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which is the most enriched and developed understanding of Marxism-Leninism today.

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial meeting was held in Janata Kendra, Tardeo, Mumbai Central, Mumbai, on 11th August. The Main Speaker was Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, member of Central Committee, SUCI (communist). The meeting was presided over by Comrade Anil Tyagi, the in-charge of Mumbai-Thane unit. Comrade Mukherjee in her speech described how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh through an exemplary revolutionary struggle



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, member, Central Committee addressing in Mumbai

built up the Party as the genuine communist party on the soil, braving all odds and overcoming all obstacles and in the process enriched and developed the understanding of Marxism-Leninism to provide answer to all emerging questions. She exhorted upon all to spread his thoughts and

different corners of Nagpur, Yavatmal, Wardha and Washim districts assembled in the hall amidst torrential rainfall to pay homage to their beloved leader, teacher and guide. The meeting started with the song on comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Promod Kamble, a leading organizer of SUCI(C), Nagpur zone presided over the meeting. In his presidential address he appealed to the gathering to spread Party organization, build up democratic mass movements conducive to anti-capitalist revolution based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Secretariat member of Orissa state Committee addressed the gathering as the main speaker. He discussed how SUCI(C) emerged as the only genuine communist party of India under the leadership of comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He discussed how the thought of comrade Shibdas Ghosh evolved as the concrete expression

of the collective thought. He appealed to the gathering to fight out individualism and build up socialism through abolishing capitalism which is the root cause of all evils of the society. He urged upon the comrades to take up a pledge to change their life in order to shoulder the great task of



Comrade K. Radhakrishna, member, Central Committee addressing in Chennai, TN

Party organization with due expediency to emancipate the countrymen from the yoke of unbearable capitalist exploitation.

Nagpur, Maharashtra

The memorial meeting was held at Nagpur at Rashtrabhasha Bhawan. Hundreds of people from

Badlapur, UP

Memorial Day meeting was held on 8th August at intercollegiate hall at Badlapur. Comrade V. N.



Comrade C. K. Lukose, member, Central Committee (front row, centre) alongwith other Delhi state committee leaders at New Delhi

Singh, Uttar Pradesh State Secretary, presided over while Comrade Jagannath Verma, Member, UP State Committee, coordinated the programme. Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, State Committee member delivered the inaugural speech. In his speech as the main speaker, Comrade Arun Singh, member, Bihar State Committee, while recollecting the valuable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which only can bring about the desired emancipation from the tightening noose of capitalist oppression and repression, alluded to the anti-corruption movement of Anna Hazare and his associates and said that though the movement received tremendous mass support at the outset, it failed to escalate further, rather fizzled out over the period of time, since it was not an organized movement under correct leadership but a spontaneous one and hence lacked the correct ideological direction and necessary organizational binding to be sustained and led to its logical culmination. Here become relevant Comrade Ghosh's teachings which call for developing prolonged organized movement based on higher culture and morality and through formation of innumerable people's committees right from

Railway community hall, Gwalior. Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary, was the main speaker while Comrade Sunil Gopal, Gwalior district in-charge presided over. Also present and having spoken on the occasion were Comrades Pradip R. B., Guna district in-charge and Rachna Agarwal. Hundreds of Party workers and supporters-sympathizers from Gwalior and Guna districts attended the meeting. While drawing attention to the lessons to be drawn from the life and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Samajpati called upon all to free themselves from various typical petty-bourgeois middle-class mentalities and imbibe the kernel of much higher, nobler and joyous proletarian revolutionary ideology and guide to action.

Budhlada, Punjab

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was solemnly observed at Punjab State level meeting held on 6th August at Budhlada. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, In-charge, Punjab State, presided over the meeting. Comrade Pratap Samal, Delhi State Secretary, was the main speaker. Comrade Pratap Samal highlighted the glimpses of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh



Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee addressing at Bhopal, MP

grass roots level to be able to shake the rulers. Comrade V N Singh in his presidential address emphasized the need of cultivating and assimilating the essence of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

The venue of the memorial meeting held on 9th August was

Thought and showed the relevance of the same in the present national and international situations. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh stressed on imbibing the essence of the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Inderjit Singh appealed to the teacher comrades to help in the translation of

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Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's works in the Punjabi (Gurumukhi) language.

Alipore Central Jail, Kolkata

On 5 August at the Alipore Central Jail (Correctional Home), Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial day was observed by the leaders and cadres of our Party, SUCI(C), who had been languishing there on fabricated charges clamped upon them by the rulers and vested interests for conducting and participating in the mass and class

Thoughts with a view to advancing their own life struggles and the cause of the Party, class and revolution. Comrade Prafulla Mandal, member, West Bengal State Committee was elected the President of the meeting held for the purpose proposed and seconded respectively by Comrades Rajaram Roy Mandal and Bansinath Gayen. In his presidential address, Comrade Prafulla Mandal recalled the arduous struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had waged to build up SUCI(C) as the genuine

struggles of comrades and thereupon the Party. Comrade Pranab Chatterjee said that this day of 5th August is a day of deep sorrow not just to our leader-cadre-supporters, but even to the vast masses of toiling people of the country. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who had shown to them that a really honourable life lay in becoming a soldier of the revolution of the proletariat.

Comrade Probodh Purkait, the main speaker of the meeting and an eminent leader of the peasant

It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who had made it clear that urge for communism and acquiring communist character are not the same things. Communist revolutionary character can be achieved through the relentless struggle. SUCI(C) has grown into a genuine revolutionary party only through such relentless arduous struggle. Comrade Purkait brought to fore how communists in different countries of the world are now rendering the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh into their own



Comrade Soumen Basu, member, Central Committee
addressing at Agartala, Tripura

struggles under the leadership of the Party. This observance in memory of their great leader, teacher and guide was a part of the unique struggle they have been continuing even in the prison armed with Marxism-Leninism- Shibdas Ghosh

revolutionary party that has now grown to such strength as to have spread across 22 states of the country, and indicated that the significance of the observance of the Memorial Day lay in taking pledge afresh to build up the life



Comrade Gopal Kundu, member, Central Committee
addressing at Durg, Chhatisgarh

movement of the country, pointed out that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was among the greatest sons of human society who in different ages in different countries had helped the society to progress on the strength of higher thoughts and ideologies.

languages, are seeking contacts with SUCI(C) and waging a cult of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

[Speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh
at the memorial meeting in Kolkata
will be published in the next issue]

AIUTUC strongly condemned the act of termination of 500 permanent workers of Manesar plant of Maruti Suzuki

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, President, AIUTUC, issued the following press statement issued on 17 August 2012 :

Termination of a large number of workers amounting to 500 on false charges by the management is a cruel attack on the livelihood and the right to live of working people as well as brazen violation of natural justice and existing labour laws. Everyone demanded that the company in its industrial premises must maintain a normal congenial atmosphere free from fear or pressure so that peace and harmony be reinstalled inside the factory. But this one sided cruel and illegal act by the company authority has created fear and apprehensions among the workers. Before investigating by an impersonal enquiry commission and finding out the real culprits of the 18th July's sorrowful incident, termination of jobs of 500 workers and threat to the jobs of few more hundreds indicates that the whole incident was the part of a big conspiracy to reduce the regular work force as well as to create fear in the working class so that in the future they cannot build up movements against the anti-working class acts of the management. There is no word strong enough to condemn this most illegal and cruel act of the management. Utterly ignoring natural justice and grossly violating the labour laws, the management is trying to forcibly extract labour from the workers. With this in view, the management has declared that it would reintroduce the black code of conduct and force the workers to give a written pledge for 'good behaviour' — a black code which the working class has been protesting against although since the year 2000. This will, no doubt, become a weapon at the hands of the management to terminate anybody from the job on the plea of 'bad-behaviour' which goes against the fundamental rights of workers. Not only this, it is reported that the management has announced to recruit 100 'bouncers' to threaten the

workers. It is not only against the existing laws but also is a threat to the peaceful atmosphere in the factory premises. We reiterate our demand of imposing ban on maintaining organized 'bouncers' within factory premises.

We urge upon the Hooda Government to intervene and see that all the retrenched workers are reinstated and a peaceful atmosphere is restored. We insist for immediate impartial enquiry into the incident of 18th July and give stringent punishment to those found guilty as well as to release all the innocent workers and office bearers of workers' union.

AIUTUC condemns brutal killing of South African workers

Sharply reacting to the bloodiest police atrocities that took place yesterday against striking South African Miners, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, President of All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) has issued the following statement to the press on 18 August, 2012:

"No words are apt enough to condemn the deadliest police firing resorted to by the South African Government since the end of Apartheid Era causing spot death of 42 and serious injury to more than 78 striking platinum Miners of Lonmin in Mericana, Rustenburg yesterday. The Miners were on strike due to the management's refusal to concede to their legitimate demand of wage increase. The ghastly incident has send shock waves across the borders. The working people of India like their counterparts in many other countries of the world are very much shocked at this worst anti-workers and pro-management action of South African Administration.

We, on behalf the working people of India and our organization All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), call upon the entire working class fraternity of the world to stand in firm solidarity with the striking South African Miners and launch strong solidarity actions in all Continents.

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